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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

5. (twice amended) A wet-laid nonwoven web material comprising [wet-laid fibers wherein the dominant fiber component is] a predominant amount of unpulped long natural fiber bundles and [the web includes] a pulp fiber component.

8. (twice amended) The nonwoven web material of claim 5 wherein the web has a basis weight up to about [100] 200 g/m².